# Supreme Court of Kentucky

IN RE:

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE OF THE LETCHER CIRCUIT COURT IN THE 47TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The amendments to the Local Rules of Practice of the Letcher Circuit Court for the 47th Judicial Circuit are hereby approved by the undersigned.

ENTERED August 30, 1993.

Chief Justice

## LETCHER CIRCUIT COURT GENERAL TERM

#### IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULES

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the potential harm to children caused by the process of legal dissolution of marriage; and

WHEREAS, a purpose of KRS Chapter 403 is to mitigate such potential harm to children; and

WHEREAS, the Court feels that professional counseling prior to final dissolution of the marriage may mitigate such potential harm to children; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Rules of the Letcher Circuit Court shall be amended to read as follows:

- A. No proceeding for dissolution of marriage, including joint petitions, shall be assigned for final hearing until twenty days have elapsed following the date the joint petition is filed or the respondent is actually summoned or is deemed to have been summoned by warning order. In no event shall any such case be assigned for trial before twenty days have elapsed following the entry of appearance or service of summons, or, if there are infant children of the marriage, before sixty days have elapsed from the date of service of summons, appointment of a warning order attorney, or the filing of an entry of appearance or a responsive pleading, whichever occurs first.
- 1. If there are minor children of the marriage, a proceeding for dissolution of marriage shall not be assigned for final hearing until the parties have attended and participated in the Parents Education Clinic held at least once each month in the Letcher County Courthouse or such other location as may be approved by the Court.
- 2. If a party refuses or fails to attend the clinic, the Court may make such orders in regard to the failure or refusal as are just, and among others the following: (a) An order refusing to assign a trial date until the party requesting the trial date attends the clinic; (b) An order declining to set or enforce permanent visitation rights for the disobedient party until the disobedient party attends the clinic; (c) An order reserving the granting or approval of final custody; and (d) In lieu of any of the foregoing orders or in addition thereto, an order to attend the clinic.
- 3. If the parties have been previously referred to mediation by the Court or they have obtained other professional counseling regarding custody and visitation, the Court may, upon the written recommendation of such counselor, waive the requirement that parties attend the clinic and assign the matter for trial.

4. A fee of \$5.00 payable to Parents Education Clinic shall be paid by each party at the time of attending a clinic; provided, however, no fee shall be payable by a party allowed to proceed in forma pauperis.

Upon entry of this order the Judge of this Court shall forward a copy to the Supreme Court of Kentucky for review and final approval, and said amendment shall become effective August 9, 1993, subject to approval of the Supreme Court.

DATED this 4th day of August, 1993.

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#### SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY

#### ORDER

IN RE: APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES

Pursuant to SCR 1.040(2)(a) the local rules for the following judicial circuits, attached as appendices of this order, are approved:

Twelfth Judicial Circuit

Forty-seventh Judicial Circuit

Entered February 1/2, 1978.

Chief Justice

#### PROPOSED REARRANGEMENT OF TRIAL SCHEDULE

#### FOR THE LETCHER CIRCUIT COURT

### TO: MEMBERS OF THE LETCHER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

As you know, under the new rules we do not have any more "terms of court" as such, but periods of jury service. With this in mind, I submit the following for your approval:

<u>February 15</u> (the second Monday) the petit jury, grand jury and District Court jury will be drawn, and the grand jury will go into session.

March 1st (if this date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the following Monday) - arraignment day.

March 1st (again if on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - civil trials until the end of March.

April 1st (if on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - criminal trials to the end of April.

May 1st (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - the petit jury, grand jury and District Court jury will be drawn, and the grand jury will go into session.

May 15th (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - arraignment day.

May 15th - June 15th (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - criminal trials.

<u>June 16th - July 15th</u> (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - civil trials.

August 1st (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - petit jury, grand jury and District Court jury will be drawn, and the grand jury will go into session.

August 15th - (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - arraignment day.

August 15th - September 15th (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - criminal trials.

October 1st (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) petit jury, grand jury and District Court jury will be drawn, and the grand jury will go into session on November 1st (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday.)

November 15th (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - arraignment day.

October 1st - October 30th (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - civil trials.

November 16th - December 15th (if on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday) - criminal trials.

Motion hour will be every Friday except, from time to time, as may be ordered by the Court, and no civil case shall be set for trial except on motion. Motions to set civil cases for trial (jury or non-jury) may be made at any motion hour, with the trial, unless good cause shown to the contrary, to be set the next civil trial period. The Court on its own motion, with the advice of the Commonwealth Attorney, shall set all criminal cases.

Except for the local rule that has been in effect in this district that during a civil term of court (period of jury service) depositions will not be taken unless by agreement of the parties, all other former local rules of this Court shall no longer be of any effect, and in lieu thereof the Kentucky Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, Rules of the Supreme Court, and Administrative Procedures of the Court of Justice shall govern.

APPROVED:

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